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ASIA-PACIFIC HOMELAND SECURITY SUMMIT SET TO KICK OFF

HONOLULU – Registered attendance for the Inaugural Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition being held next week, November 19-21, in Honolulu, Hawai'i has reached the goal of 500 attendees. The event will feature government, military and business leaders from 17 nations and U.S. territories in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, more than 30 local, national and international businesses, government agencies and organizations will showcase the most advanced security-related technology, equipment, and services.

The opening day on Thursday, November 20 will feature welcoming remarks by Governor Linda Lingle and a live, interactive video-link address by U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. Other speakers include Ong Keng Yong, Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); James Woolsey, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency and Vice President of Booz Allen Hamilton; Wong Kan Seng, Singapore Minister of Home Affairs; and Crecensio Arcos, Director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of International Affairs.

Countries/territories represented include: American Samoa, Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Guam, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Republic of Palau, The Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, United States and Vietnam.

The Inaugural Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit is being jointly organized under the direction of State Adjutant General Robert G.F. Lee by the Office of the Governor of Hawai`i; State of Hawai`i Department of Defense; Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism; U.S. Pacific Command, US-ASEAN Business Council; Pacific Basin Economic Council; East-West Center and Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

Sponsors include: BearingPoint, Inc., Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., Continental Airlines, DRS Technologies, Unisys, The Boeing Company, Perot Systems Government Services, Navatek, Ltd., TREX Hawai'i, Bank of Hawai'i, Commercial Data Systems, The Gas Company, PAMI/CIBER, Estate of James Campbell, PricewaterhouseCoopers, 21st Century Systems, Inc., Lockheed Martin ORINCON Defense Hawai'i, Sensormatic Hawai'i, First Insurance Co., Sprint and Verizon.

A program schedule with guest speakers and details on all discussion tracks are available at: www.scd.state.hi.us/summit.

MEDIA REGISTRATION:

Media interested in attending the summit should submit a written request on company letterhead to russell.pang@hawaii.gov or fax at (1) 808-586-0006.

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